

Greenfield, H. Hobbin, Co. Dublin
Nov. 10. 1859

Dear Mr Chapman - My son Richard came home today safe and sound. On his arrival at our home in Brunswick Street, with his bags of baggage - he made all haste to be off to the train which brought him out here, so that I had no time to decipher all the letters which he handed me from you - but I will take care to send them on when I go into town in the morning. Richard is full of acknowledgments of all the attention & hospitality he met with from my American friends. After you saw him, he met Frederick Douglass at a friend's home in Rochester. He was very friendly and was obviously desirous to create an agreeable impression. The spider of intemperance to come over & speak to England. Desired to be remembered to me & said he hoped I would not bear spite to that effect. He referred I suppose to a furious attack upon me which he published in his paper in Washington of

that unfortunate statement respecting Richard
Fugger which H. C. W. sent me has
since I can't be substantiated;
the attack was sent to me, but I never
read it, having a great aversion to such
pernicious. Douglas told Richard
that he intended giving up his paper which
could not be supported. He will probably
raise the wind in England - for he has tried
to know how to turn his sails to suit the
public taste in the sister country.

Richard also spent a night at Stephen
Foster. He was greatly pleased with A. K. D.
who told him she supposed I must imagine
that things were in a great "mess"; although
you - but she hoped that a right feeling
existed among you & that you were all
honestly acting for the best - or to that effect.

As to our friend Garrison coming to
England, you know how I love & honor
him & that there is no man I would rather
see under my roof. But I doubt whether
he is as likely to make an impression

as the British public as a much less
remarkable man. He is so ~~apt~~ to say
whatever he chooses upon every subject
(many of them regarded with such
distrust by the leaders of public opinion
or a majority of them) that I would fear
his pulling down with one hand what
he built with the other. This is only
for yourself. If he comes over on a
more reform to see him than I wish or
which is willing to do more to make his
stay pleasant and useful to him.

I am very sorry Richard missed seeing
your sister Deborah, of whom I have heard
Miss Remond speak with enthusiasm.
I would go a long way to see her my-
self. I hope I may have a chance
some day or other.

My two sons are now in full talk
about people & things in Australia &
are visiting the Lakes in Ohio.

I was partly charmed with S. J. May
and so was every body else that met
with him. With all his extraordinary
sweetness of spirit he has more
esprit than I had any idea of. He
struck me as eminently qualified to
make an impression as far as any one
could impress the public in an anti-
slavery direction.

I am ever truly yours

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